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12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 MOTOROLA INC., et al.,

15 Defendant.

16 MOTOROLA MOBILITY, INC., et al.,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

20 Defendant.

No. C10-1823-JLR

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Motorola's motion provides the Court with no basis for reconsidering or modifying the
 3 Court's decision to hold a trial in November to determine a RAND royalty. As the Court's
 4 summary judgment rulings make clear, a RAND royalty determination is at least a necessary
 5 first step to resolving Microsoft's breach of contract claim. So long as it served its purposes,
 6 Motorola agreed to the planned RAND royalty bench trial—and even argued to the Court that
 7 Microsoft's preliminary injunction motion should be denied because at the November bench
 8 trial here the Court could establish a RAND royalty for Germany. Now that the trial is
 9 approaching, however, Motorola makes a 180-degree turn and asserts that, "after fully
 10 considering" the matter, it "has concluded" that the trial to which it has long agreed will be
 11 "improper." (Dkt. No. 362, Defs.' Mot. For Partial Summary J. Dismissing Microsoft's Claim
 12 For A RAND Patent License Agreement To Be Determined *Ab Initio* By The Court ("Mot.") at
 13 1.)

14 Motorola's strategy is transparent: avoid the quantification of its RAND royalty
 15 commitment at any cost so that it can continue to seek injunctions as leverage to extract
 16 unreasonable royalties. Motorola's strategy has not changed since October 2010, when it sent
 17 its demand letters to Microsoft as a prelude to filing for an ITC exclusion order. But
 18 Motorola's efforts to evade its RAND commitments are collapsing. Motorola is obligated to
 19 grant a RAND license to any implementer, and Motorola now recognizes that once this Court
 20 establishes RAND terms for its standard essential patents, Motorola's enforcement
 21 campaign—a campaign based on making exorbitant demands while seeking injunctions that
 22 would have crippling and devastating effects—is doomed. And Motorola seeks to forestall its
 23 day of reckoning by continually arguing that "negotiating" is a substitute for actually granting
 24 a RAND license.

1 Motorola's true strategy was laid bare in a recent filing with the Ninth Circuit, where it
 2 asked for an expedited ruling without oral argument on its appeal from this Court's preliminary
 3 injunction. *See Declaration of Christopher Wion ("Wion Decl.") Ex. 1 (Motion to Expedite).*
 4 Motorola told the Court of Appeals that one of its German patents will expire in October and
 5 that it will be irreparably harmed¹ if it cannot put its German injunction in place before then.
 6 Wion Decl. Ex. 1 at 1, 10, 18–19. But the only conceivable utility of such a short-lived
 7 injunction is to force Microsoft into submission, regardless of whether the terms offered are
 8 RAND, and before this Court can rule. Indeed, Motorola complained that this Court's
 9 injunction "chills Motorola's ability to obtain fair licensing terms in Germany," *id.* at 11—
 10 confirming Motorola's view that "fair licensing terms" are what arise from a one-sided
 11 negotiation conducted under threat of an injunction.²

12 In the end, Motorola's current motion is about preventing a judicial determination of a
 13 RAND royalty. Motorola again seeks to delay by contradicting its previous endorsement of a
 14 RAND royalty bench trial, and claiming such a trial would be improper. Contrary to
 15 Motorola's arguments, this case is not about a court "creating" a contract for the parties, and
 16 never has been. This case is about enforcement of a contract that already exists—Motorola's
 17 contractual RAND licensing commitment—as to which Motorola has already agreed Microsoft
 18 is a third-party beneficiary. Motorola's motion is premised on the view that its RAND
 19 commitment is meaningless and judicially unenforceable. Motorola's motion should be
 20 denied.

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 23 ¹ Motorola complained that without its German injunction, "[n]o other secure mechanism exists for Motorola
 24 ultimately to obtain monetary recompense for Microsoft's continuing infringement in Germany," Ex. 1 at 12, but
 failed to tell the Ninth Circuit that this Court required, and Microsoft paid, a \$100 million bond.

25 ² In response to Motorola's motion, the Ninth Circuit clerk's office entered an order on July 31 setting the case
 for argument on September 11, declining Motorola's invitation to decide the appeal without oral argument.

1 **II. ARGUMENT**

2 **A. Motorola's Motion Provides No Basis For Reconsidering The Plan For The**
November RAND Royalty Bench Trial.

3 **1. A RAND Royalty Determination Is Required To Resolve This Case.**

4 In its summary judgment ruling, the Court concluded that Microsoft may proceed with
5 its breach of contract claim. (Dkt. No. 335 at 28.) The Court held that a prerequisite to
6 determining whether Motorola had breached its contractual RAND commitments is a
7 determination of what a proper RAND royalty is: “to determine whether Motorola’s offers
8 were so blatantly unreasonable as to breach its duty of good faith, it is necessary in this
9 instance to compare the offer against a true RAND royalty rate.” (Dkt. No. 335 at 25-26.)

10 To enable an orderly resolution of these issues, the Court instituted a phased approach,
11 with an initial determination of a RAND royalty guiding the determination of the breach issue
12 in the next stage. (7/9 Tr. 2:20-22, 3:9-16.) Motorola did not object, and only preserved its
13 options for a jury trial on the subsequent breach question. (*Id.* 4:17-20, 5:6-9.) Motorola thus
14 waived any claim it might have had to a single proceeding (determining both a RAND royalty
15 and breach simultaneously) for which it now argues and waived any right to a jury
16 determination of the RAND royalty. (*See* Br. 4-6 & n.9.) In any event, even apart from its
17 agreement and waiver, Motorola does not explain why such a unitary proceeding would be
18 preferable to the plan adopted by the Court with the agreement of the parties.

19 Motorola suggests in a footnote that a jury should “have the opportunity to consider
20 evidence as to what is the range of reasonable ‘RAND’ rates.” (Br. 6 n. 9.) But Motorola’s
21 Answer did not seek a jury, and Motorola further waived this argument by explicitly agreeing
22 to a bench trial of the RAND royalty.³ (7/9 Tr. 4:17-20, 5:6-9.) Finally, Motorola resisted

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24 ³ For purposes of deciding the present motion, the Court does not need to decide whether the subsequent trial
25 on breach will be to the Court or a jury. Microsoft believes that any jury right as to the breach issues has been
waived, because Motorola failed to timely seek a jury. Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b); *see Wall v. Nat'l R.R. Passenger*
Corp., 718 F.2d 906, 909 (9th Cir. 1983) (where “jury demands were made almost a year after the last pleadings
were filed, [party] failed to make a timely demand for a jury trial” under Rule 38(b)). That Motorola included a
jury demand in its since-consolidated patent action is irrelevant. *See Johnson v. Manhattan Ry.*, 289 U.S. 479,
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1 summary judgment by asserting that factual disputes exist concerning the RAND royalty,
 2 pointing to royalty rates it claimed to receive from current licensees. (Dkt. No. 274 at 14–17.)
 3 Motorola should not now be heard to argue that further fact finding by the Court on the proper
 4 RAND royalty for Motorola’s patents is improper or irrelevant to the resolution of the issues
 5 presented in this case.

6 The plan the Court established for this case is well within the Court’s discretion and is
 7 proper. *See Graves v. Arpaio*, 623 F.3d 1043, 1047 (9th Cir. 2010) (“District courts have
 8 broad discretion when it comes to trial management.”); *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*,
 9 975 F.2d 604, 609–10 (9th Cir. 1992). That alone is sufficient reason to deny Motorola’s
 10 motion.

11 Moreover, Motorola’s motion is nothing more than a baseless request for
 12 reconsideration of prior substantive and procedural rulings. Motorola now objects to the
 13 Court’s holding in its second summary judgment order that an initial RAND royalty trial is
 14 necessary to subsequently resolve the issue of breach, but Motorola has not satisfied and
 15 cannot satisfy the requirements for a motion for reconsideration. *See L.R. CR 7(h)*.

16 Motorola’s motion asks the Court to reorder the schedule for the bifurcated trial in this case,
 17 e.g., “Motorola seeks instead to refocus the November trial on the breach of contract issue”
 18 (Br. 1), but Motorola cannot show good cause and has not been diligent. *See Fed. R. Civ. P.*
 19 16(b)(4); *Mandelas v. Daniel N. Gordon, PC*, 2011 WL 9383, at *2 (W.D. Wash. Jan. 3,
 20 2011); *see also Johnson*, 975 F.2d at 610 (“Disregard of the [scheduling] order would
 21 undermine the court’s ability to control its docket, disrupt the agreed-upon course of the
 22 litigation, and reward the indolent and the cavalier.”).

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 24 496–97 (1933) (“[C]onsolidation is permitted as a matter of convenience and economy in administration, but does
 25 not merge the suits into a single cause, or change the rights of the parties, or make those who are parties in one
 suit parties in another.”). Motorola recognized that consolidation did not turn two cases into one by appealing the
 Court’s preliminary injunction order to the Ninth Circuit rather than the Federal Circuit.

1 **2. Motorola Affirmatively Argued That A RAND Royalty Trial Should Be**
 1 **Used To Resolve The Parties' Dispute.**

2 Both prior to the hearing on the preliminary injunction and at the hearing itself,
 3 Motorola conceded that this Court has the authority to determine RAND terms. Motorola was
 4 unequivocal that, in its view, the Court has jurisdiction to adjudicate the terms of Motorola's
 5 worldwide RAND licensing commitments:

6 [THE COURT:] It seems to me that those facts strongly imply that I have
 7 jurisdiction to adjudicate the terms of the ITU agreement on a worldwide basis.
 8 And you've just said, quite passionately, "Judge, no, that's just not right."
 9 MR. JENNER: I'm saying Your Honor does have jurisdiction to deal with that.

10 (Dkt. No. 312-1, April 11, 2012 Hearing Tr. 40:13–19.) Motorola went further, explicitly
 11 arguing that the Court's power to determine worldwide RAND terms for a license from
 12 Motorola to Microsoft *provided a basis to deny Microsoft's motion for preliminary relief*:

13 [MR. JENNER:] And to the extent Your Honor finds something different from
 14 Germany that you don't agree with, Your Honor will have the opportunity,
 15 should you deem it appropriate, simply to tell Motorola to pay back the
 16 difference in Germany. That's not an encroachment on your jurisdiction. I
 17 guess that goes to the comity part as well. That's not an encroachment on your
 18 jurisdiction. You will simply find that the court didn't determine a RAND rate
 19 in Germany. You did determine a RAND rate in Germany, to the extent that
 20 Motorola ought to pay some German money back to Microsoft.

21 (Dkt. No. 312-1 at 28:7–16; *see also id.* at 32 (stating that the Court would have the authority
 22 to later reject a German royalty rate "as not being RAND"); May 18, 2011 Hearing Tr. at 14:3–
 23 5 ("I don't mean to suggest for a second that the court can't do that [set a RAND rate]. The
 24 court can do that.").)

25 When it served its purposes, Motorola assured the Court that a RAND royalty
 1 determination was within its authority, and argued vehemently that this authority and the
 2 scheduled November RAND royalty trial meant that a preliminary injunction should not issue.
 3 Now, three months later, Motorola claims that the November RAND royalty trial will be
 4 improper and should not be held. Motorola's conduct calls upon judicial estoppel, which
 5 "prohibit[s] parties from deliberately changing positions according to the exigencies of the

1 moment [,] from playing fast and loose with the courts,” and from engaging in
 2 “intentional self-contradiction . . . as a means of obtaining unfair advantage.” *New Hampshire*
 3 *v. Maine*, 532 U.S. 742, 750–51 (2001) (citations and quotation marks omitted). This Court is
 4 under no obligation to revise its process for resolving this dispute merely to meet the demands
 5 of the latest of Motorola’s shifting litigation positions.

6 **B. Motorola’s Other Arguments Are Irrelevant To Its Motion And Have**
 7 **Previously Been Rejected By The Court.**

8 **1. A RAND Royalty Determination Has Been Part Of This Case Since Its**
Inception.

9 The Court has already ruled that a RAND royalty determination is a necessary first step
 10 towards resolving Microsoft’s breach of contract claim, but the issue is also independently
 11 raised in this case, making it entirely appropriate for the Court to take it up. In its complaint,
 12 Microsoft explicitly sought “a judicial accounting of what constitutes a royalty rate in all
 13 respects consistent with Motorola’s promises for WLAN [802.11] patents identified as
 14 ‘essential’ by Motorola and for H.264 patents identified by Motorola.” (Dkt. No. 1, Complaint
 15 ¶ 9.) That is precisely the inquiry set to take place at the scheduled RAND royalty bench trial.
 16 (7/9 Tr. 2:20–3:1.) Microsoft also sought a “[d]ecree that Microsoft is entitled to license from
 17 Motorola any and all patents” deemed essential to 802.11 or H.264 on RAND terms, an
 18 injunction barring “Motorola from further demanding excessive royalties from Microsoft that
 19 are not consistent with Motorola’s obligations,” and a “decree that Motorola has not offered
 20 royalties to Microsoft” on RAND terms. (Dkt. No. 1, Complaint, Prayer for Relief G, H, E, F.)
 21 The scheduled RAND royalty trial is also essential to the Court’s later consideration of each of
 22 these three forms of relief. The clear language in the complaint flatly contradicts Motorola’s
 23 misstatements that Microsoft “did **not** seek a Court determination of RAND terms” in its
 24 complaint (Br. 12), and that the “relief actually requested by Microsoft” was “damages” only
 25 (Br. 4).

1 Motorola also claims that it only “fully appreciated that the Court intended . . . to
 2 determine the actual terms of a RAND contract” in April 2012. (Br. 6). Motorola’s surprise
 3 cannot be taken seriously: in its portion of the parties’ February 7, 2011 Joint Status Report,
 4 Motorola specifically noted:

5 Motorola anticipates that determination of a RAND rate for Motorola’s
 6 domestic and foreign 802.11 and H.264 portfolios, or a portion thereof, will be a
 7 complex task, and will require significant discovery from Microsoft and
 Motorola and will likely also include discovery from non-parties who have
 licensed or offered to license similar essential patents on RAND terms.

8 (Dkt. No. 44 at 7.) And in March 2011 Motorola argued that Microsoft’s breach of contract
 9 claim should be dismissed because it improperly “asks the Court to divine RAND licensing
 10 terms for two entire portfolios of ‘essential’ patents” (Dkt. No. 57 at 13), a complaint Motorola
 11 repeats in its new brief (Br. 1). In denying that portion of Motorola’s motion to dismiss, the
 12 Court held that it would indeed be proper for the Court to determine the relationship between
 13 Motorola’s offers and actual RAND terms:

14 Motorola also argues that the breach of contract claim should be dismissed
 15 because it seeks only an advisory opinion on what the terms of a RAND license
 16 would be. [Citation omitted.] Motorola is mistaken. Microsoft seeks, among
 other things, a determination of whether the flat royalty rate on the price of the
 end product was unreasonable and discriminatory where the allegedly essential
 patent was only a small fraction of the device.

17 (Dkt. No. 66 (May 31, 2011 Order) at 5.) Motorola was well aware long before April 2012
 18 that the Court, correctly, viewed a determination of RAND terms as a necessary part of the
 19 case as filed.

20 The complexity of underlying negotiations or of the terms of other license agreements
 21 that include standard-essential patents (Br. 9–11) provides no basis to reconsider the scheduled
 22 bench trial. First, as the Court has already recognized, the key term of a RAND license—to be
 23 compared to Motorola’s opening offer—is the royalty. (7/9 Tr. 2:25–3:5.) Motorola’s
 24 argument that negotiated licenses for standard-essential patents frequently include additional
 25 terms is simply beside the point. The Court can consult the monetary RAND royalty alone to

1 determine whether the offer was reasonable and whether Motorola was acting in bad faith
 2 because Motorola demanded a flat 2.25% royalty rate applied to the prices of end products, and
 3 admitted it had run the numbers and knew the monetary scope of its demands. (Dkt. No. 335
 4 at 27.) Moreover, the only term stated in Motorola's offer letters was Motorola's proposed
 5 royalty for a worldwide license and a grant back, and the letters explicitly empowered
 6 Microsoft to "accept" those offers without regard to any other terms. Motorola cannot now
 7 argue that other terms must be evaluated. And in fact the necessary terms of a RAND license
 8 already exist, subject to the determination of the royalty: the patents covered, the duration of
 9 the license (perpetual), and the geographic scope (worldwide). To determine whether
 10 Motorola's offer was blatantly unreasonable, the Court need only consider what royalty would
 11 be reasonable for a license to practice Motorola's patents—especially where Motorola has
 12 made clear that it always seeks 2.25% and adjusts the royalty downward only if consideration
 13 is provided in other ways, such as by a grant back of rights under the licensee's standard
 14 essential patents. (Dkt. No. 274 at 6–7, 15; *see* Dkt. No. 284 at 10–11.) Motorola's 2.25%
 15 demand is blatantly unreasonable regardless of the form of compensation.

16 **2. Motorola's Commitments Require Granting RAND Licenses, Not**
17 Interminable Negotiation.

18 As the Court has already ruled in considering the parties' summary judgment motions,
 19 Motorola's commitments obligate it to grant licenses to its standard-essential patents on RAND
 20 terms. (Dkt. No. 335 at 14.) Motorola argued both in its motion to dismiss and in prior
 21 summary judgment briefing, as it does again now, that Motorola is obligated only to negotiate,
 22 and Microsoft should be forced to negotiate before it can turn to the Court for relief. (Dkt. No.
 23 57 at 4, 11; Dkt. No. 231 at 19–20.) The Court has twice rejected this theory, holding that
 24 "[t]here is no legal basis for Motorola's contention that Microsoft was required to negotiate the
 25 precise license terms prior to filing a breach of contract claim" (Dkt. No. 66 at 5), and that

1 “Motorola has committed to license its standard essential patents on RAND terms, and, if a
 2 third-party beneficiary to that commitment does not believe Motorola is meeting its obligations
 3 thereto, the courthouse may be the only place to resolve the differences” (Dkt. No. 335 at 21).

4 Motorola again puts forward its failed argument that all it need do to satisfy its RAND
 5 commitments is “negotiate.” (Br. 4, 14–16.) But that rewrites the language of the
 6 commitments: that Motorola “will grant . . . a license under reasonable rates to an unrestricted
 7 number of applicants on a worldwide, non-discriminatory basis with reasonable terms and
 8 conditions.” (Dkt. No. 335 at 4–6, quoting IEEE and IU agreements.) Motorola’s transparent
 9 purpose in watering down its RAND commitments is to deny prospective licensees a license so
 10 long as the “negotiations” continue and to put itself in a position where it can then seek an
 11 injunction on the grounds that a license has not been concluded. This strategy is designed to
 12 pressure licensees into accepting royalties greater than RAND. It is not difficult to see through
 13 this scheme.

14 In Motorola’s view, its contractual commitment is only a promise to “negotiate,” and
 15 the Court is powerless to provide any relief other than an order to continue to negotiate while
 16 the implementer remains vulnerable to an injunction. (Br. 4–5.) Motorola’s strategy, in its
 17 view, remains immune from judicial oversight so long as it does not breach the only obligation
 18 it asserts it accepted: the obligation to negotiate in good faith. Yet Motorola concedes that if it
 19 breaches that obligation by refusing to negotiate in good faith, a court would be empowered to
 20 “determine damages (if any) and . . . enjoin Motorola from enforcing its 802.11 and H.264
 21 standard essential patents against Microsoft unless and until Motorola makes an offer that is
 22 consistent with RAND.” (Br. 5.) That is exactly the relief Microsoft seeks by this action.
 23 Moreover, Motorola’s concession acknowledges that it *is* within the Court’s authority to
 24 determine whether an offer is RAND. Motorola simply does not want that determination to
 25 happen in November, or anytime in the near future, because an actual determination of RAND

1 terms will cut off Motorola's ability to improperly use the standardization of its patents to
 2 extort excessive royalties from standards adopters.

3 At bottom, Motorola wants to be put back in the position it was in before Microsoft
 4 filed this action: free to use injunctions on its standard-essential patents as leverage in
 5 negotiations with Microsoft. That is exactly the leverage this Court recognized Motorola was
 6 not free to exert in light of its contractual RAND commitments (Dkt. No. 318 at 24)—leverage
 7 that, if permitted, would undermine the entire SSO process. Motorola's motive in bringing this
 8 motion is to further delay this Court's ability to enforce Motorola's RAND licensing
 9 obligations, and to permit Motorola's campaign of holdup to go forward unchecked.

10 Motorola's untenable position that a RAND commitment leaves it free to obtain
 11 injunctions or exclusion orders in any forum against any standard-adopter, then negotiate
 12 extortionate license terms with those adopters, is nearing universal rejection, for the reasons set
 13 forth in Judge Posner's recent opinion in *Apple, Inc. v. Motorola, Inc.*, 2012 WL 2376664
 14 (N.D. Ill. June 22, 2012):

15 I don't see how, given FRAND, I would be justified in enjoining Apple from
 16 infringing the [asserted standard-essential patent] unless Apple refuses to pay a
 17 royalty that meets the FRAND requirement. By committing to license its patents
 18 on FRAND terms, Motorola committed to license the [patent] to anyone willing
 19 to pay a FRAND royalty and thus implicitly acknowledged that a royalty is
 adequate compensation for a license to use that patent. How could it do
 otherwise? How could it be permitted to enjoin Apple from using an invention
 that it contends Apple *must* use if it wants to make a cell phone with UMTS
 telecommunications capability—without which it would not be a cell *phone*.

20 2012 WL 2376664, at *12. Judge Posner extensively quoted and endorsed the reasoning of the
 21 Federal Trade Commission that “a royalty negotiation that occurs under threat of an exclusion
 22 order may be weighted heavily in favor of the patentee in a way that is in tension with the
 23 RAND commitment” because it would “allow the holder of a RAND-encumbered SEP to
 24 realize royalty rates that reflect patent hold-up, rather than the value of the patent relative to
 25 alternatives.” *Id.*; *see* Wion Decl. Ex. 2 (FTC Statement).

1 In addition to the FTC, numerous U.S. Senators and Representatives, the House
 2 Judiciary Committee, and many other companies have urged rejection of Motorola's view of
 3 RAND licensing commitments. *E.g.* Wion Decl. Ex. 3 (Letter from Sen. Lee et al.) ("For the
 4 standards setting process to function effectively, companies that commit to license their SEPs
 5 on RAND terms must seek to resolve disputes over their patents through a royalty agreement
 6 or judicial determination of a reasonable rate."); Wion Decl. Ex. 4 (Letter from House
 7 Judiciary Committee) ("If companies refuse to comply with their RAND commitments and
 8 instead treat their SEPs as a weapon to block others from distributing products that implement
 9 key standards, they will prevent and inhibit innovation and competition."); Wion Decl. Ex. 5
 10 (Letter from Rep. Issa) ("An exclusion order based on alleged infringement of Standard
 11 Essential Patents creates a dangerous precedent that can harm innovation and the American
 12 economy."); Wion Decl. Exs. 6 (Intel), 7 (Nokia), 8 (IBM); 9 (HP); 10 (Cisco); 11 (Apple).

13 As the Court (and all of these others) has already recognized, Motorola's campaign of
 14 standard-essential patent enforcement is inconsistent with its contractual RAND commitment
 15 and with the standard-setting process as a whole:

16 Motorola could preemptively request exorbitant compensation for its standard
 17 essential technology, and the implementer would be compelled to negotiate in
 18 good faith in response to the exorbitant demand. This cannot be the result
 19 envisioned by the IEEE and ITU with respect to Motorola's commitments to
 20 them to grant licenses on RAND terms.

21 (Dkt. No. 335 at 19.) The Court should reject Motorola's renewed request that this Court turn
 22 a blind eye to Motorola's conduct and step aside to allow for "negotiations"—which will take
 23 place, as with all of Motorola's previously-negotiated "RAND" licenses, under the threat of an
 24 injunction or exclusion order. As the Court observed in its preliminary injunction order,
 25 negotiations under such circumstances could hardly be expected to result in "reasonable" terms
 and conditions: "It would seem clear that a negotiation where one party (Microsoft) must either

1 come to an agreement or cease its sales . . . fundamentally places that party at a disadvantage.”
 2 (Dkt. No. 318 at 24.)

3. Cases Involving A Court “Creating” A Contract Are Inapposite.

4 Motorola devotes much of its brief to a straw man argument built around cases that
 5 frown on a court “creating” a contract in the course of interpreting it. These cases provide no
 6 support for Motorola’s position. In the first place, Motorola is already a party to completed
 7 contracts, and the Court has already interpreted those contracts: Motorola’s contractual RAND
 8 licensing commitments to SSOs. The Court has held that those contracts *require* that Motorola
 9 license its patents on RAND terms, and that negotiations or licensing requests are not
 10 conditions precedent to Motorola’s obligations. (Dkt. No. 335 at 18–21.) That means
 11 Motorola must grant RAND licenses. That key distinction alone renders the cases Motorola
 12 cites entirely irrelevant, as the leading case Motorola quotes makes clear: “Courts have no
 13 power to make new contracts or to impose new terms upon parties to contracts *without their*
 14 *consent.*” *City of New Orleans v. New Orleans Waterworks Co.*, 142 U.S. 79, 91–92 (1891)
 15 (emphasis added). Motorola not only consented to the RAND royalty bench trial in this case,
 16 but did much more than that: it contractually committed itself to the creation of “new
 17 contracts” (patent licenses) with any standards adopter, and even to certain specific terms of
 18 such a license like geographic scope (worldwide) and duration (the life of the patents). The
 19 royalty (RAND) was also part of that commitment, and that the Court plans a bench trial to
 20 determine a RAND royalty does not remotely suggest that Motorola’s contractual
 21 commitments are unenforceable. To the contrary, “[w]hen the parties to a bargain sufficiently
 22 defined to be a contract have not agreed with respect to a term which is essential to a
 23 determination of their rights and duties, a term which is reasonable in the circumstances is
 24 supplied by the court.” Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 204 (1981); *Rutcosky v. Tracy*, 89
 25 Wn.2d 606, 610, 574 P.2d 382 (1978) (en banc); cf. RCW § 62A.2-305(2) (court can provide a

1 reasonable price where “the price is left to be agreed by the parties and they fail to agree”).
 2 The Court has already held Motorola’s RAND licensing commitments with the SSOs
 3 “sufficiently defined to be a contract,” so a determination of the RAND royalty is entirely
 4 consistent with contract law.⁴

5 To the extent that Motorola’s cases shed any light at all on the situation here, that light
 6 only further exposes the hollowness of Motorola’s position. Microsoft’s suit does not ask this
 7 Court to “make a contract” where none exists, but rather is an action to enforce contracts
 8 Motorola made long ago when it participated in SSOs and declared it would license its
 9 essential patents on RAND terms. A license will result here because *granting a license was*
 10 *Motorola’s contractual commitment*, not because the Court improperly “created” a contract.
 11 The November RAND trial is an appropriate step in resolving this dispute: contracts often
 12 contain terms (express or implied) requiring that the parties behave reasonably. When disputes
 13 arise over whether a party lived up to that obligation, a court may and should resolve it. *See*
 14 *Estate of Hollingsworth*, 88 Wn.2d 322, 329, 560 P.2d 348 (1977) (breach of duty of good
 15 faith where party unreasonably acted “with the sole object and purpose of frustrating the
 16 stipulation he had entered into”); *see also* Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 205 cmt. d
 17 (every contract contains a duty of good faith breached by bad faith “evasion of the spirit of the
 18 bargain, . . . willful rendering of imperfect performance, abuse of power to specify terms, and
 19 interference with or failure to cooperate in the other party’s performance”); *id.* § 205 illust. 6
 20 (“A contracts to perform services for B for such compensation ‘as you, in your sole judgment,
 21 may decide is reasonable.’ After A has performed the services, B refuses to make any
 22 determination of the value of the services. A is entitled to their value as determined by a

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 24 ⁴ Motorola’s attempt to bolster its view that RAND commitments are unenforceable by citing to a contract case
 25 authored by Judge Posner (Br. 19–20) is simply disingenuous. Judge Posner’s view of Motorola’s RAND
 position was explicitly set forth six weeks ago when he held that Motorola could not under any circumstances
 obtain injunctions on its standard-essential patents, or use them as leverage to extract extortionate royalties. *See*
Apple, 2012 WL 2376664, at *12.

1 court.”); *Scribner v. WorldCom, Inc.*, 249 F.3d 902, 910 (9th Cir. 2001) (finding breach of duty
 2 of good faith under Washington law and § 205, because “good faith limits the authority of a
 3 party retaining discretion to interpret contract terms; it does not provide a blank check for that
 4 party to define terms however it chooses”).

5 Once the Court determines a RAND royalty in the November trial, a RAND license
 6 will result *solely* as a consequence of the voluntary, contractual licensing commitment
 7 Motorola made when participating in IEEE and ITU standardization. Motorola labels that
 8 license “a judicially created RAND contract” (Br. 6), but it is more accurate to describe it as a
 9 contract achieved thanks to judicial enforcement of Motorola’s pre-existing contractual RAND
 10 licensing obligations. Because of Motorola’s RAND commitment, a “prohibition against
 11 Courts creating new contracts” (Br. 18) has nothing to do with this case.

12 Motorola’s conversion of its obligation from an obligation to license on RAND terms
 13 into an obligation that requires (seemingly endless) negotiation in good faith renders the
 14 RAND licensing commitment itself illusory. That is the radical, unprincipled and legally
 15 incorrect premise underlying Motorola’s argument. As Judge Posner has observed,
 16 determining a RAND royalty requires establishing the *ex ante* value of Motorola’s standard-
 17 essential patents:

18 The proper method of computing a FRAND royalty starts with what the cost to
 19 the licensee would have been of obtaining, just before the patented invention
 was declared essential to compliance with the industry standard, a license for
 20 the function performed by the patent. That cost would be a measure of the
 value of the patent *qua* patent. But once a patent becomes essential to a
 21 standard, the patentees bargaining power surges because a prospective licensee
 has no alternative to licensing the patent; he is at the patentee’s mercy. The
 22 purpose of the FRAND requirements, the validity of which Motorola doesn’t
 question, is to confine the patentee’s royalty demand to the value conferred by
 23 the patent itself as distinct from the additional value—the hold-up value—
 conferred by the patent’s being designated as standard-essential.

24 *Apple*, 2012 WL 2376664, at *11. Motorola failed in that case to obtain judicial approval for
 25 its strategy to enhance “the value conferred by the patent itself” by “the hold-up value

1 conferred by the patent's being designated as standard-essential." Now it is trying again in this
2 Court: Motorola's experts present

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8 In the end, Motorola's position is that no court can ever adjudicate RAND terms, even
9 when a patentee reneges on its commitment to grant licenses, or when the parties disagree
10 about RAND terms. That would make RAND commitments illusory and bring down the entire
11 foundation upon which SSOs function—collaborative standard setting in return for
12 concomitant RAND commitments, because no adopter could feel any security in implementing
13 a standard in its products. While the IEEE and ITU declined to make the actual *ex ante*
14 determinations of RAND royalties for all standard-essential patents, it does not follow that the
15 SSOs intended that Motorola could extort any royalty it pleased by threatening adopters with
16 injunctions, then labeling the result "RAND."

17 **III. CONCLUSION**

18 For the reasons set forth above, Motorola's motion should be denied.

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